

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re: Pro Se Filings
The Exigent Circumstances
Created by COVID-19 and
Related Coronavirus Health Conditions

Administrative Order

20-AO-026

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This administrative order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Eastern District of Michigan. On March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Michigan issued Executive Order No. 2020-21, A Temporary Requirement to Suspend Activities that are not Necessary to Sustain or Protect Life. Subsequently, on April 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Michigan issued Executive Order No. 2020-33, Expanded Emergency Disaster Declaration rescinding and replacing Executive Order No. 2020-4 of March 10, 2020, Declaration of State of Emergency.

To combat the spread of the disease, given the severity of the risk posed to the public, Court staff, and other Court agencies, and considering public health recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following protocol will be implemented in the Eastern District of Michigan.

1. In the spirit of the "Mailbox Rule", Rule 3(d) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings will be extended to Pro Se filers.
2. Pro Se filings shall not be made in person. All pro se filers are to mail filings and documents to

Clerk's Office
United States District Court
Theodore Levin US Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226

3. The date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope in which such filing was mailed shall be deemed the filing date.
4. The Mailbox Rule will only apply to those documents addressed accurately to the address above.

The World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 qualifies as a global pandemic having spread across more than 200 countries with over 225,000 confirmed cases in the United States. Considering the spread of the diseases, the courthouses in the Eastern District of Michigan will remain closed to the public. The public is encouraged to use online Court resources or contact the Court by telephone.

This order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

s/Denise Page Hood
Denise Page Hood
Chief Judge